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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing Claims 1-21. In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance mailed with the Notice of Allowability with mailing date of September 9, 2004, Applicants submit the following Comments.

The Examiner paraphrases certain elements of various independent and dependent claims. To the extent that the language used in the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance varies from the language of the allowed claims, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

For example, the term "adjacent" does not appear in the any of the claims.

In another example, the Examiner appears to paraphrase dependent Claim 2 in stating reasons for the allowance of Claims 1-21.

In addition, the Examiner states that "[o]ne end of each of the magneto-resistive bits is connected to the corresponding word line, and the other is connected to a predetermined voltage (reference voltage)." Applicants note that the claims do not recite that each magneto-resistive bit has a corresponding word line. Moreover, the term "each" does not appear in any of the claims. In addition, Applicants note that "the other [end] is" *not* "connected to a predetermined voltage

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(reference voltage)." For example, with respect to the first magneto-resistive bit of Claim 1, the second terminal of the first magneto-resistive bit is coupled to the drain of the first switch, and the source of the first switch is coupled to the voltage reference.

In addition, Applicants also respectfully disagree with the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to the extent that there is any implication that the patentability of the claims rests on the recitation of individual features. Applicants note that it is the combination of features that makes a claim patentable.

Respectfully submitted,

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